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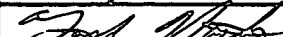
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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/629,366	07/29/2003	Jason P. Eaton	01-18	6288

TITLE OF INVENTION: PATIENT INTERFACE AND HEADGEAR CONNECTOR

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
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EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
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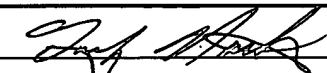
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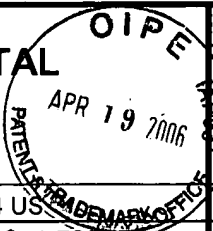
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3743

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1811	100	1811	100	Certificate of Correction	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
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1251	120	2251	60	Extension for response within first month	
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Design	200	100	130	
Plant	200	300	160	
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1201 200	2201 100	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 360	2203 180	Multiple dependent claim
1204 200	2204 100	Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 50	2205 25	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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